§315.610 Noncompetitive appointment of certain National Guard technicians.

- (a) An agency may appoint non-competitively a National Guard technician who—
- (1) Was involuntarily separated (other than by removal for cause on charges of misconduct or delinquency);
- (2) Has served at least 3 years as a technician;
- (3) Meets the qualifications requirements of the job: and
- (4) Is appointed within 1 year after separating from service as a Guard Technician.
- (b) The noncompetitive appointing authority also applies to National Guard technicians separated before October 29, 1986, provided they are appointed within a year of the date of separation.

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§ 315.611 Appointment of certain veterans who have competed under agency merit promotion announcements.

- (a) Agency authority. An agency may appoint a preference eligible or a veteran who has substantially completed at least 3 years of continuous active military service provided
- (1) The veteran was selected from among the best qualified following competition under a merit promotion announcement open to candidates outside the agency's workforce; and
- (2) The veteran's most recent separation from the military was under honorable conditions.
- (b) *Definitions.* "Agency" in this context means an executive agency as defined in 5 U.S.C. 105. The agency determines in individual cases whether a candidate was released "shortly before" completing the required 3 years and should therefore be eligible for appointment.

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Subpart G—Conversion to Career or Career-Conditional Employment From Other Types of Employment

§ 315.701 Incumbents of positions brought into the competitive service.

- (a) *Employee coverage.* This section applies to an employee retained under §§ 316.701 and 316.702 of this chapter who:
- (1) Was serving in a permanent excepted position under an appointment not limited to 1 year or less, or in a public or private enterprise in a position which the agency determines to be a continuing one, at the time his position was brought into the competitive service; and
- (2) Performed 6 months of satisfactory service immediately before the date his position was brought into the competitive service, in a position or positions brought into the competitive service, or in the civilian executive branch of the Government, unless OPM has excepted his particular type of case from this requirement.
- (b) Eligibility for conversion. Within the time limits set forth in paragraph (c) of this section, the employment of an employee covered by paragraph (a) of this section may be converted to career or career-conditional employment.
- (c) Time limits. Conversion may be initiated under paragraph (b) of this section only within θ months after the position is brought into the competitive service, except that:
- (1) When it is necessary for OPM to determine that §316.701 or §316.702 applies to a group of positions, the recommendation shall be submitted within 6 months after OPM advises the agency of its determination; and
- (2) When an employee is absent on an assignment to an organization or agency from which reemployment rights are provided under part 352 of this chapter or by statute, the conversion shall be initiated within 6 months after the employee's return from such assignment, when reemployment occurs within the time limits prescribed in the applicable statute or regulation;
- (3) When an employee is absent on approved leave without pay, the conversion shall be initiated within 6